

## John Coffee to Andrew Jackson, October 14, 1814, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### BRIGADIER-GENERAL JOHN COFFEE TO JACKSON.

Camp at Peachlands, 1 October 14, 1814.

1 John Pitchlynn's, in the Choctaw nation (see vol. I., p. 358, note), was sometimes called "Peachlands". Coffee left Fayetteville, Tenn., where he organized his force, on Oct. 5, marching southward through the Chickasaw and Choctaw lands in what is now Mississippi.

*Sir*, I send on Lt. Dochsey to advise you of my approach, shall use every industry in my power to reach you the earliest possible, indeed every thing urges me to do so, not only the probability of being wanted to act under your directions, but supplies, will be very scanty untill I get down, our rations nearly out, corn, none, at this place I have purchased one peck to a horse, which is all I can get, I learned from Col Butler and others, that 30 miles below this can get plenty of Beef, have sent on one of my quarter masters to have it ready when I arrive, I observe in yours to Col Butler, you directed him, by way of St. Stephens, and then to mount Vernon, by young Peachland, James, and others I learn it is 30 miles out of the way to pass St. Stephens, to Mount Vernon, and also, that at the former place there is no supplies of any kind, if I find this to be correct as I approach the parting of the roads, and do not hear from you, I shall take the direct road to Fort Stoddart or M. Vernon; when I shall hope to draw rations for my men, as by that time they will have lived several days on Jerked beef alone.

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I left Fayetteville on the mor[n]ing of the 5th Inst. and to this place is about 200 miles, from this down the road is better, and I suppose a similar time will carry me to Fort Stoddart, perhaps less time,

I have the honour